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WEATHER INFORMATION.

Last Night's Rendings.
An area of high pressure is central over

lowa, Missouri and Illinois, with the high-a

Oklahoma, with the lowest barometric pressure

General Observations.

Observations taken by the United States

weather bureau at 8 p. m., seventy-fifth me-

29.50 at Oklahoma City and Abilene.

the districts reporting tenight.

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air; cooler; west winds.

tion Saturday night; southerly winds,

Probabilities. Washington, February 25.—Eastern Texas---Partly cloudy weathr; probably local showers

THE MISSING STEAMER.

Reported to Have Been Passed An-chored at Sen. New York, February 25.—The Dutch tank

steamer Bremen-Haven, which arrived here

this afternoon from Antwerp, reports that

on February 21 she passed a steamer, ap-

rarently a Frenchman. She was almost

stopped and was heading north-ast. She

had two masts and two funnels. Regula-

Orienns and Palestine

Atlanta, Ga.

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TODAY'S FORECAST.

YORK—The Intercollegiate Athletic

N-The New England interscholasti bampionship will be held in Ma sall today.

DON-The first drawing room of the a announced for today. It is stated queen will receive the presentees in

40. Kan.—A meeting of farmers and a farmer of the vicinity is called for toda arrangements for a creditable exhibition of the cappailton.

YORK—Commemoration services in Rev. Dr. Henry Van Dyke's fifteent mary of the Brice Presbyterian church beid tomorrow.

DELPHIA—Rov. John E. Fitzmau-dutor bishop-elect of Eric, will cele-frat pontifical mass tomorrow at St. church, of which he was the first

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MAINE WAS BLOWN UP FROM WITHOUT.

Many Reports to Many Different Papers from Special Correspondents Are All to the Same Effect.

THAT WRECK WAS CAUSED BY AN OUTSIDE AGENCY.

The Hulk of the Ill-Fated Maine Will Be Left for Spain to Clear Away.

New York, February 25 .- The Mall and dated Havana today: The United States Maine. Those who were sent here from York were examined

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—A great today.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—A great mount of interest is being taken among the local members of the Volunteers of America over the two big meetings tomorrow, which will be addressed by Ballington Booth, commander is chief. While, of course, the members of the court will not talk for publication. I am informed on the highest authority that Fern, has convinced one member of the he was talking quickly, but was not exthe evidence of Diver Morgan as to the condition of the Maine shows almost be- the accident theory the benefit of the not see, and I heard him my. The Spanish youd the possibility of a doubt, in the doubt. opinion of my informant, that the Maine wan blown up by an outside agency. Furthermore, Morgan's report was verl- excelsior used for packing in the ter-inch and cursing the cowardly Spaniards."

barometric reading 30.26 inches at Davenport, fled by the other American divers who The low is central over Western Texas and descended today. Generally fair weather prevails throughout

The only rainfall reported during the past also been decided not to return to Havana, twelve hours is very light showers at New all the information as to the cause of the tically reached. The witnesses yet to be examined will hardly change the verdict.

The court has decided against any at tempt to raise the ruined battleship. The members are convinced that it would be harbor they must attend to the work themseives. This decision gives a better idea of the terrible havor wrought in the Maine than columns of description could

The Merritt Wrecking company, it was the wreck. The company's experts made ship. this demand after viewing the condition of the ship. The wreckers today turned their attention to saving the great guns, as these at least can be recovered in sufficiently good condition to warrant the ef-

in northern portion; cooler in northwest por-Twenty unknown bodies of the crew were recovered from the wreck by the divers at Wettern Texas and New Mexico-Generally noon today. The bodies were frightfully Oklahoma and Indian Territory Partly burned and mangled and it may be implemented burned burned and mangled and it may be implemented burned burned and mangled and it may be implemented burned burned and mangled and it may be implemented burned bur anotherly winds, shifting to westerly.

Arkar sas—Increasing cloudiness, with light rains warmer; southeasterly winds.

South Dakota—Fair; warmer in eastern portion; variable winds.

Kansas—Partly cloudy; possibly local showers in eastern portion; southeasterly winds, becoming variable.

Nebrasks—Partly cloudy; possibly showers in eastern portion; warmer in eastern portion; variable winds.

Colorado—Generally fair; cooler in southern portion; north to west winds.

Wyoming—Generally fair; westerly winds.

Mortans—Partly cloudy; probably local showers in northern portion; colder in northern portion; westerly winds.

North Dakota—Partly cloudy; light local snows; warmer; southerly winds, becoming variable. died in the hospital today.

All the wounded will leave here Sunday on the Bache for Key West. The physicians consider it safe to remove them now.

MADRID EXCITED.

Press Advising that Spain Gain Advantage by the First Blow.

Lendon, February 25.—According to a

special dispatch from Madrid, reports received there from the United States to the effect that public opinion in the latter conviction is increasing in ministerial circles that the worst must be expected."

tion lights were burning, but no signals were displayed. It is quite probable that titude, for the prospect of war is popular the Frenchman had sea anchors out, al- with all parties, and the more excitable a fect. The weather had been v.T.
stormy, blowing from the northeast, and continued to blow the following Sunday and part of Monday, with very heavy sens from the rortheast. Captais Ninnes, when informed that La Champagne was overdue, said there was no doubt in his mind as to the identity of the vessel.

Mr. Bocandere, the New York agent, said the description of the steamer need by Capthough it was too dark to see if such was newspapers are already urging the go c n-

Marblehend and Detroit to Join the Key West, Fla., February 25 .- Commanthe identity of the vessel.

Mr. Bocandere the New York agent, said the description of the steamer seen by Chylain Ninnes litted that of La Champagne lieved and sail he had not the slightest doubt of her identity. Moreover, it meemed to him she was in good position, being to him she was in good position. He was of the track of occan liners. He was of the track of occan liners. He was of the track of occan liners. He was of the reack of occan liners. He was of the reach of the fleet, which, with the exception of the New York and lows, its off this harbor. The admiral said tanight that he expected to be better soon and he looked much improved. With three cylinders explained that the speed. Mr. Becandere explained that the engines of Le Champagne, which is a shirtless of the fleet, which, with the exception of the New York and lows, its off the leet, which, with the exception of the New York and lows, its off the leet, which, with the exception of the New York and lows, its off the leet, which, with the exception of the New York and lows, its off the leet, which, with the exception of the New York and lows, its off the leet, which, with the exception of the New York and lows, its off the leet, which, with the exception of the New York and lows, its off the leet, which, with the exception of the New York and lows, its off the leet, which, with the exception of the New York and lows, its off the leet, which, with the exception of the New York and lows, its off the leet, which, with the exception of the New York and lows, its off the leet, which, with the exception of the New York and lows, its off the leet, which, with the exception of the New York and lows, its off the leet, which, with the exception of the New York and lows, its off the leet, which, with the exception of the New York and lows, its off the leet, which, with der Clifford H. West sailed on the Mas-

ed arrival here tomorrow of the court of inquiry. Authiral Sicard said. "I have received no notification of its coming. When it does come it will probably sit in the United States court house building sere." The admiral expected the Marhichead and the Detroit on Sunday, but says the fleeet will not be brought in a hody to this harbor

Exult That American Seamen Are Food for Vultures. New York, February 25.-- Passengers from Havana on the steamship Coacho via Key West say that the sight of the Maine was horrifying from the evidence the

EXPLOSION CAME FROM UNDER-NEATH THE VESSEL.

The Keel Driven Clean Through the Ship and Shows Above the Water Now.

New York, February 25 .- There is no Express this evening prints the following longer any reason to doubt that the explosion which wrecked the battleship Maine naval board of inquiry continued today came from underneath the vessel, is the pital at that place, and who were on the taking the testimony of the divers who statement in dispatches from the special battleship at the time of the explosion nave been working in the wreck of the correspondent of the Herald in Havana. Patrick Foley, seaman, on watch at the The forward part of the keel of the Meine the battleship Iowa and the cruiser New with its ribs and plates, was store upward lings of that night. so far that parts of the shattered double bottom show out of the water. This evi- "I ran aft. I met the captain coming ou dence, obtained by Ensign Powells of the

magazine is not even charred. One of tee | The court will finish here tomorrow and States has informed the correspondent that from one portion of the wreck out the icad is believed that a decision has been prac- If there was a mine there it is hardly The explosion and weight of the warehed useless, as she could never be kept affoat. the divers are working waist deep in mud. and the Spanish here will be informed that In his reports to the state department if they wish the wreck removed from the | Consul General Lee, in Cuba, has expressed the opinion that the disaster to the Matne was not the result of an accident. The administration now believes this, and there are no signs that President Mc Cinle: will shirk the responsibility when the crisis is reached, but will hold Spain responsible announced today, wanted \$2,000,000 to raise | if the cause of the disaster was outside the

DIVERS FOUND PROOF AN ENSIGN'S EVIDENCE | "HAVE BLOWN US UP," | DAMAGING EVIDENCE A VICTORY POR MR. HAWLEY

SEAMEN SAY SIGSBEE ACCUSED OF A CONSPIRACY SUBMITTED TO SPANIARDS OF IT.

"Well, the Spanish Cowards Have Blown Us Up at Last," Are Words Attributed to Him.

New York, February 25 .- The Journal's representative at Key West has inter viewed the Maine's sailors now in the hoz time, tells a graphic story of the happen-

"When I heard the explosion," said he of the companion way. As I passed him court of inquiry who was inclined to give cited. He was speaking to some one I did have blown us up at last.' I did not hear The operations of the divers have shown the answer of the man he was talking to that the boilers did not explode and the but I heard some one swearing in the dark

Henry Williams, captain's cook, tells prominent naval officers of the United practically the same story. He said: "Just before the explosion I was alongproceed at once to Key West to take the no torpedo could have done the damage side the forward magazine talking to testimony of the survivors there. It has to the Maine, and it was undoubledly a Davis Hill, gunner. He told me that at mine. Furthermore a lead line dropped that time there was only 52 degrees showing on the thermometer in each magazine. disaster having already been secured. It to almost the exact source of the explosion. This would show of itself there could not have been any extraordinary heat of possible anything will be left to show it. magazines, surely not enough to cause an explosion. After coming aft I lay down vessel would have combined to obliterate in the kitchen and was partly asleep on a all traces of it. The wreck is nettling into chest. When I heard the explosion I ran the mud at the rate of a foot a day, and aft to the officers' quarters, but saw at once the explosion had been forward. I was standing near the companion way walting for orders from the officer of the deck when Captain Sigabee came up the companion way. As he came on deck I heard him say: Well, the Spanish cowards have

blown us up at last."

Robert Hutchins, seaman, is another of the Maine's crew who believes the toat was destroyed by an outside force. "It was impossible for the magnaines to nave exploded," said he, "and the explosion could have come only from the outside."

THE PRESIDENT

Hy a Messenger Who Will Teatify Before the Board of Inquiry, It In Suld.

Washington, February 25.—Sam M. Burdette, the staft cor expondent, tonight wired the Chicago Chronicle the fellowing:

President McKirley bas at band evidence which is conclusive of the fact that the Maine was a victim of foul play.

The existence of this eveldence is known also to Secretary Long and to Judge Day. It came by a messenger, who arrived in Washington last Sunday, and whose mission has been kept as far as possible a profound secret.

Last Sunday night there arrived in this city a man who came direct from Havana. | Campbell, postmaster at El Paso, and Geo. His identity is also unknown. He was closeted for some time with the president, Secretary Long and Judge Day were also present at the conference.

The visitor submitted evidence of documentary character showing that conspiracy had been formed in Havana soon after the Maine arrived there, having for its object the destruction of the vessel. He stated that three of the conspirators were known, and that one was a Spanish officer, who was a friend of former Captain General Weyler. The visitor submitted other evidence, the character of which 1 am unable to state, showing that the ship was actually destroyed by the exploding of a torpedo or a submarine mine. It is probable that all the evidence was documentary except that which related to the actual destruction of the versel.

The man who brought the documents to Washington will himself be a witness before the court of inquiry on that point, but he will not appear before the court until its sittings have been transferred from Havana to Key West. This man left Washington soon after he had seen the president, and is now at Tampa or Key

From the same source, which informed me of his visit I am advised that the au-thorities at Madrid in some way obtained information of this mysterious visitor and the message which he bore. Autleipating emptory action in the premises, the Spansonable reparation which might be demanded.

This note must have been received at the state department some that daring Sonday night. It may have been a good thing for the court that Spain transmitted such a message just at the time the president was advised of treachery which sent one of our finest battleships to descruction and caused the loss of more han 25e leave lives. At any rate, the president, Secretary Long and Judge Day decided after lengthy conference on the subject not be

READY FOR EMERGENCY.

The Plant System Prepared to Land Troops in Havana in Short Order. Tampa, Fla., February 25 .- Although the officials of the company have not so stated publicly, pretty much everybody understands that the Plant system has completed arrangements for the transportation of troops and munitions of war to Havana on short notice. All of their ships have bee placed in condition for emergencies. Should war be declared it is said that they have perfected plans to land a large way troops in Havana within thirty-six hours efter their arrival at this place. Troops can be transported from Washington and New York to this port in from twenty-four to thirty hours. The company has also made arrangements, it is understool, to land promtply men and arms at Key West and all strategic points on the coast of Florida and at Mobile.

ARMY INSPECTION.

General Merritt Fluds Fort McPher-son in Admirablle Condition. Atlanta, Ga., February 25.—Major General Wesley Merritt, commander of the Department of the East, today inspected Fort McPherson. After a march around the regiment General Merritt had it march before him in review. The handsome body of troops has never shown to better advantage and General Merritt was very much pleased General Merritt made a close inspection

of the quarters of the soldiers, the hospi-tal and medical department, the mess ball and kitchens, the commissary and qui termaster's department and often repe that the post was in a very neat and clean

After the inspection was iluished guard mount for the regiment was had. General Merritt returned to the city and made preparations to leave for his next postin his territory, which is Fort Hiraacas, near Pensacola. Plu. He left this afternoon. This is General Merritta first trip into Georgia. South Carolina or Alshama.



A Number of Them Seat to the Senate Yesterday.

DR. JOHN GRANT IS TO BE MARSHAL.

O'Leary Was Made l'ostmaster for the Dallas Office.

Was the Naming of Cotter to Be Supervising Inspector of Steam Vessels for Tenth District.

Washington, February 25 .- (Special.)appointments for Texas offices were today sent to the senate by the president and they corroborated the ctatement sent out by The Post correspondent a number of times. The Texas nominations for Federal positions sent in today were as follows: John A. Cotter, supervising architect of stram vessels for the Tenth district; Webster Flanagan, collector of Internal 10venue for the Austin district; Moses Dillon, collector of customs for the El Paso districi; James J. Haynes, collector of customs at Corpus Christi; John Grant, marshal for the Eastern district; William M. O'Leary, postmaster at Dallas; Robert F. G. Clifford, rostmaster at San Antonio.

This slate goes in as predicted by The Post correspondent, with a few exceptions and one surprise. Those left off the slate will go in very soon; the surprise was Dr. Clifford. People here on the inside knew he would get something, but did not know where lightning would strike. This appointment in the face of the severe attacks and the vicious charges preferred against him, is a complete vindication. The administration has tried his case and the verdict is in his layor. Dr. Clifford has been here for months, the personal representative of Chairman E. H. R. Green, an1 he has made a most favorable impression upon everybody with whom he has come in contact.

The appointment of Mr. Cotter of Galveston is a distinct victory for Mr. Hawley. The New Orleans people were pulling hard for this inspectorship, but as Mr. Hawley had been notified by his Galveston friends never to come home unless Cotter was appointed, it became a "ground hog case" with him and Mr. Cotter had to win

It is understood that Judge Noonan of San Autonio will be taken care of here in the court of claims department.

Meek Not Appointed.

Washington, February 25.-(Special.)-The president did not send in Meek's nomthat the administration might take per- ination with the regular Texas slate today and it is now considered here that he is ish premier sent a cablegram to the state out of the race. Representative Slavden department to the effect that in the event said to The Post correspondent today: "In Chairman Blake officially says that the that the court of inquiry should find the my judgment Mr. Meek can not be contest adopted at Dallas is not intended to Maine was destroyed by design. Spain. (firmed if nominated." Looking to the contest and is merely advisory. while disclaiming all responsibility, legal tirgency of Mr. Meek's appointment, Mr. or moral, stood ready to make every rea- Slayden has taken active steps to defeat his confirmation. He says tonight that he firmly believes Orden will ultimately get the appointment.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

Washington, February 25.—(Special.) - An original pension was granted today to Philip Doyle of Fort Worth, \$8.

The senate confirmed loday the nomina-tion of Colonel Henry C. Corbin, to be ad-futant general, with the rank of brigador

lengthy conference on the subject not to make public the information which bad day that the reports published in a London been brought by the messenger from Hayto an effort heing made to secure alleged ana.

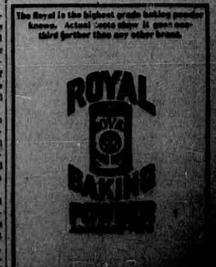
At the British embursy it was stated tomake public the information which bad day that the reports published in a London to an effort heing made to secure alleged ana. the British ambassador, Sir Julian Pannec-fote, on the rejection of the arbitration treaty, had no basis of fact whatever,

The committee on naval affairs of the house agreed today on the Boutelle Maina relief bill, reporting it favorably to the

The comptreller of the currency has is-sued a call for a statement from the Na-tional banks up to February 18.

The South Carolina dispensary bill was brought up in the house judiciary committee again today on a motion for reconsideration. A motion to report the bill favorably to the house and another to report it adversely were veted down, and a motion to report without recommendation was finally carried.

six men and four officers are in readines at Fort Logan H. Root to start for Key West the moment the orders are tectived to go forward. They have been boxy making preparations to be ready at any insment they may be called. Little Rock, Ark., February 25 .- Eighty-



wreckage bore of the power of the explo-sion and the carnage wrought. Buzzada hung about the wreck, the Spanish officers making no effort to drive them away, though their presence was alcknowled to

A SUMMARY OF TODAY'S IMPORTANT NEWS.

THE MAINE DISASTER.

Eneign Powells is said to have submitted conclusive proof to the board of inquiry that the explosion which destroyed

cowardly Spaniards have blown us up at Damaging evidence of a conspiracy to said to have been submitted to President

McKinley by a man who will testify before the board of inquiry. Rear Admiral Cherardi says the navy is

A cable from Hayana to the New York Mail and Express states that the evidence of Diver Morgan and others shows beyond doubt that the Maine was blown up by an or tride agency. The guns will be raved, but, as it will cost \$2,000,000 to raise the bull, it will be left in the harbor for Spain

there was no fire on board to cause the explosion and that the strictest discipline

The navy department has nothing to give out, but it is said precedents are being looked up for the demanding of an in-

Senor DuBose officially states that Havara harbor is not protected by either torpedoes or submarine mines, and such an intimation is an insult to Spain.

The Spanish ship of war has departed

THE WARLING MOVEMENTS. Spanish press is urging Spain to strike The Plant system's railways and steam

tions in Cubs in a burry.

Contracts for 300,000 tons of coal to be delivered at naval stations as quickly as

A number of Texas appointments an rupced, conforming to the slate. The cabinet meeting discussed the Malue The senate discussed the right of Corbett to his sent from Oregon

in the house, while discussing the sun-dry civil bill, it developed that there may be no river and harbor bill at this sea-

FOREIGN. Officials who sided with Zola are being

unished by the French governo

War between Nicaragua and Costa Ries seems inevitable.

Denied that Italy will use drastic measures with Hayti. POMESTIC. England's flag has been planted on

American territory in the Klondike.

Pire in the business portion of Shreve-ort, i.a., destroyed \$100,000 worth of prop-

Mayor Lewis of Cameron expresses bimself on the Dallas test and the political

Mr. Giles of Wood county is said to be a cardidate for railroad commissioner. Mr. Lovejoy of Galveston will not be a candidate for Heutenant governor; will heartily support the Dallas test,

THE STATE.

Alba Heywood and P. T. Pegues ot Loraview engaged in a shooting affray which may result fatally to both men. Calvestonians are busily looking at the

Statement of Houston Electric Light company's affairs was filed at Galveston. Young man at Beaville took strychnine

Burglars stole \$700 worth of goods at ana. Condition of State Health Officer Swearingen is regarded as critical. Dr. West was badly burned while trying

to reacue his wife at Waxahachie HAILROAD.

Burlington officials' visit to Houston revived the rumar about an alliance be tween their line and the Katy. No decision yet rendered in the Lone

Star line injunction case. Reported that there will be a number of changes in the official directory of the Missouri Pacific. Judge Bryant has signed the decree for

the sale of the Bay Shore line.

Houston, Galveston, New Orleans and

Savannah spot cotton markets close firm 1-16 up and others unchanged. Liverpool cotton futures closed from half 1-64 up on near months to half 1-64 down and New Orleans averages 7 to 8 higher. The Chicago grain markets developed ome strength in sympathy with stocks

in wheat, 15 in core, 215 in lard and ribs and 17% in pork.
Imports of gold on account of higher rates of interest imparted strength in stocks and the average gain was from

ut the close showed a decline of 1461%

Hester's figures show a decrease in the verid's visible supply of cotten of 43,922. The total into sight since keptember 1 is 9,418,244 against 8,429,751 in 1825.

LOCAL.

The city democratic executive committee has decided that only white democrats shall vote at the city primaries. A meeting of tobacco growers to be held this afternoon. Spreading the influence in the interest

No verdict yet in the Golin case. Geveroor Hogg's novel entertainment of his New England guests.